

SHEFFIELD PLAN EXAMINATION HEARING

AGENDA

Thursday 27 June 2024

9.30am at Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH

MATTER 4 – Spatial Strategy

Please note:

- The session is split into a morning and afternoon session.
- The session will focus on vision/objectives, spatial strategy and blue/green infrastructure (Issues 1, 3 and 4 in the Matters, Issues and Questions). 'Overall growth' (Issue 2) plus Q4.19 on Policy AS1 will be covered at:
 - Q4.4 - Matter 3 and Matter 5 sessions.
 - Q4.5 - General site allocation session at the Stage 2 hearings.
 - Q4.6 - Matter 24 session at the Stage 3 hearings.
 - Q4.19 – General site allocation session at the Stage 2 hearings.
- Please see the Hearings Programme for a list of the participants.
- Hearing Statements by other parties and background documents produced by the Council can be viewed on the Examination website.
- If you wish to attend the hearing session to observe, please contact the Programme Officer in advance. Alternatively, the hearing sessions will be livestreamed and available to watch online.

Morning session at 9.30am

1. Inspector's introduction

Vision, objectives and spatial strategy

2. Vision, Aims and Objectives (Questions 4.1 – 4.3)
 - Proposed modifications to Objectives (LS11 and LS12)
 - Any other comments on the Vision, Aims and Objectives?
3. General spatial strategy in the first paragraph of Policy SP2¹

¹ Please note that most discussion on the general spatial strategy is likely to take place at the Matter 3 session on Housing Need. This is linked to the Council's urban-focused spatial approach to establishing the housing requirement in the Plan. The testing of spatial options will also be discussed at the Matter 1 session.

- 'Majority' or 'most' development?
- Does the Council's supply evidence show that the strategy is capable of delivery? What proportion of total supply will be on brownfield land within the Main Urban Area and Principal Towns?
- Any other comments on the general strategy in paragraph 1?

4. Sub-areas

- How were the sub-areas defined?
- Any other general comments on the level and/or distribution of growth between the sub-areas?²

5. Role of the settlement hierarchy

- How was the settlement hierarchy identified?
- Proportion of growth in each category over the Plan period?
- Any other comments on the categories/groupings or the operation of the settlement hierarchy?

6. Broad Locations for Growth

- Location of each of the 'identified Broad Locations for Growth' (BLG)
- Evidence on the suitability, availability and deliverability of each BLG.
- What are the main infrastructure requirements and further actions needed to facilitate delivery of housing on each of the BLGs?
- Estimated housing capacity on each of the BLGs and total supply from this source over the Plan period
- How BLGs are dealt with in the trajectory and supply calculations
- Presentation of BLG in the Plan and the Policies Map and whether any changes are necessary for reasons of soundness.

Afternoon session starting between 1.30 and 2pm

Blue and green infrastructure

7. Blue and green infrastructure (Questions 4.20 – 4.28)

- What does Map 17 show and is it needed? Could it be improved?
- Should references to the Green Network be removed from Policies SP1(I), BG1 and Map 17?
- Is the final paragraph of Policy BG1 clear and unambiguous?
- What other modifications to Policies SP1(I) and BG1 are needed for soundness?
- Any other comments on blue and green infrastructure.

8. Design principles and priorities (Questions 4.29 – 4.31)

- Proposed modification DH4
- From the information provided in the policy and glossary, would users of the plan understand what was required in relation to inclusive and dementia friendly design? Is there a need for any further signposting?

² Note, the sub-area policies SA1 to SA9 will be discussed in detail at the Stage 2 hearing sessions.

- Any other comments on Policy D1.

9. Closing session between the Inspectors and the Council